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Letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as documents of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 39.

(*Signed*) A. **Naidu**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 4 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour of informing the latter that the Caretaker Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands, in its commitment to returning Fiji to full constitutional democracy as well as to ensuring that Fiji will once again have a constitutional government with a clear mandate from the people, will hold general elections from 25 August to 1 September 2001.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to the United Nations also has the honour of advising the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the Cabinet of Fiji held a meeting on 22 May 2001 wherein the decision to invite observer missions from multilateral sources, including the United Nations, was approved. This decision was necessitated by the strong desire of the Government to implement fair and effective processes during the elections.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to the United Nations further has the honour of requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide assistance to Fiji and help ensure that its general elections are conducted in a just and orderly manner. In accordance with standing international practice, the Government of Fiji would be grateful for the despatch of a needs assessment mission by the United Nations to discuss and liaise on the nature, scope and parameters of possible United Nations involvement in the elections process with the Supervisor of Elections.

Given the time constraint, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to the United Nations would highly appreciate it if the Secretary-General of the United Nations would despatch this mission at his earliest convenience.

(*Signed*) A. **Naidu**

Annex II to the letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 4 July 2001 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and Sugar of Fiji to the President of the General Assembly

United Nations observer mission to the general elections in Fiji, August 2001

The Caretaker Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands is committed to returning Fiji to full constitutional democracy through free and fair elections.

At its meeting of 22 May 2001, the Cabinet of the Caretaker Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands decided to invite international observer missions from the Commonwealth, the European Union and the United Nations to observe the Fiji national elections to be held from 25 August to 1 September 2001 under a proposed United Nations framework.

I have much pleasure on behalf of the Caretaker Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to invite a United Nations observer mission to attend and observe the Fiji general elections.

(*Signed*) Kaliopate **Tavola**
Minister for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and Sugar